# Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council

## **Meeting Minutes**

January 9, 2020

Meeting Location

Sierra Health Foundation

1321 Garden Highway

Sacramento, CA 95833

Conference Room: Capital Room

Facilitator: Ernie Brown and Kula Koenig

**Staffed by:** Cindy Marks

Meeting Attendees:

* HSCC Members – Ernie Brown, Teresa Ogan, Melinda Avey, Paul Tanner, Randy Hicks, Paula Green, Steve Orkand, Raymond Kemp, Kula Koenig, Paula Green, Caroline Lucas, Heather Damon
* Ex-officio Members and Liaisons –Martha Haas (DCFAS)
* Speaker – Don Nottoli, Deputy County Executive - Social Services

Absent Members:

* Cindy Cavanaugh (Homeless Initiatives), Michelle Gorre for Peter Beilenson (OFCA), Xochitl Gomez (BOS), Eduardo Ameneyro (DHA)

**Public:** Tim Choi (DHA), Patty Gainer

| **Topic** | **Minutes** |
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| Welcome, Introductions, and Lunch | Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made as everyone enjoyed lunch |
| Retreat Overview | * Chair and Staff provided an overview of the day’s retreat including: * Timeline for the afternoon/Agenda * Folders provided include the following documents: * Meeting Agenda * HSCC Responsibilities * HSCC Bylaws * Copy of Resolution of HSCC dated 09/11/18 * Small Group Discussion Sheet to aid in break out groups |
| Guest Speaker | * County Executive Don Nottoli was the guest speaker. After providing a short biography, he shared updates and information on key topics below:   -This next fiscal year and next will not be as bad as far as serious reductions due to the past County Jail lawsuit, but it will be notable that coming up out of the recent recession that the budget will be tightened up this year.  -There will be a tightening up for the tobacco ordinance and tobacco related products du e to the concerns with vaping and other related concerns especially in regards to our youth  -Adult and Aging Commission-In 2035, the number of those persons over the age of 65 will outnumber those under the age of 18 in this country. This brings to light the need for more resources (transportation, shared home care, etc.) will be needed. It was also brought up in this regard as over the next five years, the percentage of people in Sacramento County will have risen over 17 percent  -The homeless individuals and families concern are huge concerns in this state sure of utmost concern to the supervisors. There was legislation this past year that will allow for rent controlled apartments and some low income individuals and families possibly receiving a break on rent on apartment units  -Through all of the challenges the county has gone through this past year, there is a lot of good as far as changes in transportation  Paul: There was a recent community meeting where they spoke with sheriff and portable restrooms being made available for the homeless. Can the county provide a 24/7 restroom area for the homeless? The answer at the meeting was that the budget cannot allow for them at this time, but could possibly work out in the future.  Supervisor Nottoli said that this discussion has been difficult to maintain as this is one of many concerns that is evolving. The supervisors are in discussion of how best to combat this concern as to how to obtain and maintain more restrooms while having them protected to combat vandalism. This is an ongoing conversation and an area that will continue to be addressed moving forward.  -Randy: How much of the housing being built will be affordable and accessible for those that are low income and disabled? A lot of the homes being built are not ADA accessible or have a lack of nearby transportation.  Supervisor Nottoli said that there was an ordinance approved in the early 2000s that the dedication of land would help to alleviate this concern and help those persons on need of more space in regards to ADA guidelines, but certainly this is still a concern and there is no short term fix for this at this time. He did state that on January 20, 2020 there will be discussion about an infill fee and money collected to go towards housing development or housing improvements. The policy discussion about how the infill fee as far as the prescriptions for these developments and the threshold they have to meet has not occurred yet. Would this be for facility infrastructure, public transportation access, etc., so this meeting is when this conversation will take place that will come back to the Board of Supervisors for discussion.  -Steve: We have heard about housing plans, but the reality is that this can take years. If safety net dollars drop, this concern can worsen. There is a very high homeless death rate at this time. How can the County Board of Supervisors create a place that the money can be segmented so it will not impact the same way?  Supervisor Nottoli: General Fund dollars can be secured for the housing crisis, housing support, and other state concerns. During this time, the county will be spending millions of dollars on jails and jail improvements. There is no money segmented for Capital parks for the next five years which opens up concerns to sanitation, safety, etc.  -Raymond: Does the county receive a fee from surrounding counties (i.e.1/2 cent sales tax) and it seems like this money is not going back to the citizens. Is this county receiving this money? The answer is no. Money is required to go to outlying cities in the county such as Rancho Cordova and Citrus Heights are deemed some of this money as well and it must be split between all outlying cities within and near Sacramento County.    2020 Strategic Planning: Purpose, Outcome Process:  Examining the HSCC: SWOT Analysis  Strengths: Official Capacity/Legitimacy, Identifying Gaps, good with information sharing, diversity of members, agency presentations monthly, individual knowledge, access to board of supervisors  Weaknesses: Coordinating amongst the different groups and assisting other groups, using leverage constituency with other groups, lack of quick response from other groups, communication time management with meetings and getting through the agenda, not able to respond quickly to emergent issues, a method for the different advisory board that communicates with us, focus on specific opportunities for being vocal, communication to executive team in time to agendize for votes, advisory group and opportunity to communicate with HSCC, lack of follow through on projects, understanding our charge  Opportunities: standardizing our meetings with Chiefs of Staff, flexibility the agendizing of meetings, longer meetings, “CC” HSCC on e–mail to the Board of Supervisors, improve timing and efficiency  POP Model: What us the purpose of the HSCC? What are the outcomes that we want to accomplish by the end of this year?  What are the steps are we going to take to fulfill the identified purpose?  Individually, the HSCC broke out to place down their ideas and to come together to discuss what their personal vision is. Each person discussed their own vision of what their POP looks lie for the upcoming year.  POP Ideas and Viewpoints:  Purpose: Advise on human services issues to the Board of Supervisors, unbiased, factual, and recommendations, information not advocacy, collect feedback from advisory boards and report back and then make recommendations but based on evidence collected from all sub-groups as we see fit, having effective leadership in the community, HSCC to be the go for the BOS, collaboration between county groups, enhance community engagement, is the purpose information and not advocacy? What does this all look like moving forward?  Outcome: Well-informed/effective HSCC members, effective and strong leadership within group and within BOS, BOS and staff knowledgeable of issues and solutions we identify as a group, HSCC to be the go-to fro subjects regarding our community work, monthly hot topics in writing to OS, Coordinated budget policy advocacy between advocacy groups, sharpen BOS focus on underserved and underprivileged groups, effect policy and info used by BOS, multiple decision and policies we helped to shape  Effective Monthly Meetings-Melinda:  1. A project focus on integration of services and integrating human services and access. People do not know where services are, provide feedback to exec chiefs meetings,  2. Emergent issues/hot topics-tell president to place on agenda, tell president to place on agenda  3. Presentations-Cindy can be informal timekeeper, focused on our large policy goals, give them a set time, give questions on index cards to the chair to practice.  Process: Communication between BOS and HSCC > HSCC and sufficient discussion with ad hoc communities > timely feedback to BOS, BOS agendas attached to HSCC agenda, structure meeting speakers better to allow enough time for questions and follow-up, Twenty minute discussion time on the agenda, communication member check BOS agendas, set goals, impact and next steps post presentation, communication between meetings and report newsletter to community groups, include in info to gain other info and resources into the sessions for input from county advocacy groups, delve deeper into topics via multiple sessions, utilize panel sessions to get multiple viewpoints from the county department and community groups, identify groups to engage on budget advocacy, create documents similar to public health agenda with groups signed on, encourage healthy debate on differences by listening to all sides to provide a reasonable path, targeted areas to make improvement-goals.   * After action survey to all HSCC staff and: * Recognize the importance of what we do in the County. Important to them that we continue to provide these services and look for ways that we can do things more efficiently and effectively to meet the community’s needs; achieve more with integration of services to help families, track families and data reporting. A vision he would like to see develop in the next year is to work with the community to develop action plan to address changing demographics and how services need to be modified and changed. * Challenges of the new Organization * Meeting the needs of the community with the fiscal challenge. To make sure we provide services that are sensitive to our communities, providing the correct outreach, understanding the needs of the community we are serving and making services accessible. * Are there any areas HSCC can advocate to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for? * Remind BOS the importance of services provided to the community and for them to provide support in what HSCC is doing. * Homeless Crisis in Sacramento County * Board recently approved Countywide Homelessness Plan. Applying with state for new funding for additional programs. Impressed with what county and city has done to address the issue but a lot more to do. Funding and collective effort at state level would be helpful. Will continue to look for opportunities to tackle issue. * Update on reorganizing with DHHS, DHS and DCFAS. * DHHS split into DHS and DCFAS. Working well and good move. Able to focus more time and attention to different areas. More efficient with handling issues but split was not cost effective. * Homeless Winter Plan * Yes, underway. Providing extra beds during winter and partnering up with community groups that add to county efforts. |
| Wrap Up | Kula and Cindy will reconvene on 1/16/20 via conference call to discuss the HSCC Main Council meetings format moving forward. Cindy will send out Minutes sooner than scheduled to allow for feedback from HSCC members and possible questions they may have for the upcoming speaker each month. More information to follow. |
| Announcements and Public Comments | No announcements |
| Adjournment | Meeting adjourned |